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Going national

Men's soccer signee and former rower selected to national teams — SEE SPORTS, A7



Tale of survival

Students discuss the trials and triumphs of serving their country — SEE NEWS, A2



SPORTS

SPITTIN' THE PITS



The world now has a new International Cherry Pit Spitting Champion. Brian "Young Gun" Krause out-spit his father to claim his seventh championship. The distance of the winning spit was 56 feet, seven-and-a-half inches. The contest also featured the first female to finish in the top three for pit distance.

Drugs

WHAT CAN GREEN DO FOR YOU?

A 200-pound shipment of marijuana was discovered being shipped from Pembroke Pines, Fla., to Baltimore through FedEx. The package was accidentally delivered to the wrong person, who tipped off police. The intended recipient was arrested on drug charges. Police are still looking into who originally sent the packages.



Breaking news on your cell

Get UCF news sent to your cell phone. Just text the keyword UCFNEWS to 44636.

AROUND CAMPUS, A2

BUST THE MYTHS OF NUTRITION WITH A LICENSED DIETITIAN

Licensed dietitian Meghan Murphy Van Camp will be busting the myths of nutrition today in the Wellness Center Classroom of the Recreation and Wellness Center at 4:30 p.m. Call 407-823-5841 for more information.

LOCAL & STATE, A2

BODY OF MISSING MAN IN LITTLE LAKE SAWYER FOUND EARLY SUNDAY

The body of a Lake County man who went missing while riding a water scooter has been found. Orange County Sheriff's Office spokeswoman Susan Soto said the body was discovered in Windermere's Little Lake Sawyer about 2:30 a.m. Sunday.

NATION & WORLD, A4

OREGON MAN FLOATS TO IDAHO ON HIS LAWN CHAIR WITH BALLOONS

A 48-year-old gas station owner flew a lawn chair rigged with helium-filled balloons more than 200 miles across Oregon desert Saturday, landing in a field in Idaho. He used a BB gun to shoot the balloons for his landing.

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TODAY'S WEATHER



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3 UCF students compete in pageant

JONATHAN HOHENSEE
Staff Writer

Three UCF students competed in the 2008 Miss Florida Beauty Pageant, which was held at the Mahaffey Theater in St. Petersburg.

The seven-day event started Sunday, June 29, and ended with the crowning ceremony on Saturday.

The girls from UCF who competed in the beauty pageant are Audra Martin, who went as Miss UCF, Jennifer Sanford, who went as Miss Broward County, and Carly Turner, who went as Miss Kumaquat Festival.

"For me, the best part is being on stage and performing, but behind the scenes the best part is getting to know these girls. These girls are absolutely amazing; I have



PLEASE SEE PAGEANT'S ON A5

Jennifer Sanford, Carly Turner and Audra Martin competed in the Miss Florida Beauty Pageant, although none of them placed in the finals.

Amber waves spark liberty and justice for all



A blast of amber, red and yellow showers lit up the sky followed by a loud boom and shouts of joy. Lake Eola in downtown Orlando rang in the Fourth of July with the city's annual Fireworks at the Fountain show. Hundreds attended the festivities that began at 6 p.m. Entertainment was provided by the Orlando Concert Band.

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UCF to study nursing homes

UCF prof. uses grant for five-year research

JILLIAN KROTKI
Staff Writer

UCF professor Thomas Wan has spent the last five years researching nursing homes and the effects of efficiency in comparison to quality care.

He was given a federal grant, amounting to \$860,000, after sending in a proposal on a very competitive base. This money was distributed over the course of the five years while Wan and his team, consisting of three other individuals, worked hard to find answers. This team was made up of Wan, professors Jackie Zhang and Lynn Unruh, and Gerald Breen, his research assistant.

This study didn't stop at nurse staffing, but also delved into the quality of the homes. The team wanted to go beyond the facility level and focus on compiling the different assessments done annually and putting them into one unique database.

"The data accumulated through the federal government and covered the last 10 years," Wan said. "There were about 17,000 facilities included."

This analysis only covered Medicaid and Medicare providers, since those facilities operate by using a lot of government funding.

"There were multiple sources for the data. The

UCF professor wins fellowship to research meteorites

JONATHAN HOHENSEE
Staff Writer

Robert Macke, who is currently a Ph.D. candidate in physics at UCF, recently won a Smithsonian Institution Graduate Student Fellowship award to research meteorites during this summer at the National Museum of Natural History in Washington D.C.

The fellowship, which is offered through the Smithsonian's Office of Research and Training Services, will enable Macke to study the physical properties of meteorites, studying the meteorites' densities, porosity and susceptibility to magnetic fields. Macke hopes that his study of the meteorites will help give him insight to the early history of the solar

system during the time when the materials that made up the meteorites where formed.

"There are two main reasons why this fellowship is important to me," Macke said. "First, through it I have access to the Smithsonian meteorite collection for my research. Second, the fellowship is somewhat prestigious, and thus increases the status of the research I am doing."

"Hopefully, this will make it easier for curators of other large meteorite collections to allow me to perform research on their samples."

Meteorites are natural objects from space that fall onto the Earth or another celestial body. According to the Meteorit-

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PLEASE SEE QUALITY ON A5

Veteran of UCF winds down her 40-year career

DONALD THOMANN
Staff Writer



Barnes

After a 40-year career with UCF, Beth Barnes, vice president and chief of staff, announced her plans for retirement at a Board of Trustees meeting in May.

She will officially retire on Dec. 18, when John "Rick" Schell, currently vice provost of Academic Affairs, will take over.

"It has been an extraordinary experience, being up here and working with President Hitt," Barnes said. "I've been able to watch the uni-

only about 1,940 students; we had one building and a library shortly after."

Barnes began her career in 1968, as a charter faculty member in the English department.

Since that time, she's held six positions at the universi-

ty, including director of Graduate Studies and assistant dean of Undergraduate Studies.

She currently has additional responsibility for the Office of Diversity and the department of Equal Opportunity and Affirmative Action, among others.

"Dr. Schell is going to have some large shoes to fill," said Manoj Chopra, associate professor and board member. "My experience with Dr. Barnes started when I came on board in 2005. She gave me an idea on how the university operates

and how it's structured, and has just been helpful and influential in every aspect. She had an outstanding career, and I'm very proud to say that I've worked with her."

As a charter member of the UCF faculty, she saw the university before the suburban sprawl of Orlando had made it this far east. She recalled how the school used to consist of a couple of buildings in the middle of nowhere.

Barnes said this is not really goodbye. As a continually active member of the

UCF community in a number of peripheral ways, she looks forward to maintaining a working relationship with the university she has spent most of her life at.

"I was here when no one knew we existed, back when this was considered far east Orlando," Barnes said. "Much of my life is in this university and I want to remain involved. I won't work here, but I'm a member of several organizations that work with the school and I'll be coming to football games and events. Of course, I'm going remain a part of UCF."

AROUND CAMPUS

News and notices for the UCF community

Bust some myths of nutrition

Licensed dietitian Meghan Murphy Van Camp will be busting the myths about nutrition today.

The session will be in the Wellness Center Classroom of the Recreation and Wellness Center at 4:30 p.m., and will go over common misconceptions of dieting. A free healthy snack will be served.

Call 407-823-5841 for more information.

Events in life make us who we are

Learn how to understand hidden biases at a session hosted by the Office of Diversity Initiatives.

The session begins at 2:30 p.m. tomorrow in Room 316B in the Student Union. It will discuss the value of understanding that events in someone's life effects their thoughts and feelings.

Call 407-823-6479 for more information.

Decide what to do with your life

Decide what to do with your life at a decision-making workshop hosted by Career Services.

The session is at 1 p.m. tomorrow in the Career Services office.

Call 407-823-2361 for more information.

LOCAL & STATE

Keep local with headlines you may have missed

Body of missing man in Little Lake Sawyer found early on Sunday

ORLANDO — The body of a Lake County man who went missing while riding a water scooter has been found.

Orange County Sheriff's Office spokeswoman Susan Soto said the body was discovered in Windermere's Little Lake Sawyer about 2:30 a.m. Sunday. The lake was where he was last seen riding the water scooter Friday night.

About 30 rescuers, including about 11 divers, had been searching for the man. He was reported missing Friday night by someone who noticed a watercraft circling the lake with no driver aboard.

Authorities have not released the name of the man until the family could be notified. No further details on the incident were available.

Sparklers to blame for house fire in Summerfield, infant injured

SUMMERFIELD — Marion County Fire Rescue officials say a 9-month-old boy suffered smoke inhalation and second-degree burns on his arms and face after three other children were playing with fireworks that destroyed their north Florida home.

A fire rescue spokeswoman said the infant was in the bedroom with the three children — ages 7, 6 and 4 — when the fire began Saturday morning.

Authorities say the children were playing with sparklers and matches when the wood frame home in Summerfield caught fire.

The infant, whose name was not been released, was flown to Shands at the University of Florida Hospital in Gainesville. Emergency Medical Services Alliance officials said the burns covered 10 percent of the infant's body.

Officials say the infant's injuries are not considered life threatening.

Arrested man dove out the window of patrol car in escape attempt

TALLAHASSEE — Authorities say a man kicked out the window of a Leon County deputy's patrol car while being driven to jail in a failed escape.

The Sheriff's Office said Saturday that 21-year-old Nicholas Colter, who was handcuffed, dove out of the broken window as the deputy pulled over.

Colter tripped but got up to start running again when the deputy Tasered him.

Deputies say Colter was arrested on charges of escape, resisting without violence and criminal mischief.

Authorities say he was originally arrested on charges of possession of less than 20 grams of marijuana, possession of drug paraphernalia and violation of probation.

"I was ready to do what I had to do in order to survive. I don't have any bad feelings towards Iraqi people. I don't try to dehumanize them."

— ALEX MUJICA, RETIRED MILITARY POLICE CORPORAL

TALE OF SURVIVAL

Student soldiers share their overseas experiences

JENNA REW
Contributing Writer

First comes the whistle, then the thud and then the dust. How close it is determines how well you can see. There is dust in your eyes, and you can hear the explosions around you, as well as the curses of your fellows. Dirt, rock and shrapnel are hitting the side of the Humvee you are sitting in, but you can't see where they are coming from.

Your gun that was resting by your feet is now hoisted up to your shoulder, firing through the window into thick clouds of sand. The only way you know where to shoot is by following the sound of the guns shooting at you. You're scared.

The sounds of fire from outside your convoy grow faint and you wonder whether it's because they've run away or because they've fallen to a grave of desert sand.

Alex Mujica, a UCF junior and a retired military police corporal in the Marines who served in Kuwait and Iraq for a total of eight months in 2003 doesn't want to know the answer. He doesn't need a body count kept notched on the butt of his rifle.

"I was ready to do what I had to do in order to survive," he said with his hands folded in front of his face, his elbows on his knees and his eyes down cast, as he recalls the above attack made on his convoy while traveling to Qal' at Sukkar air base in Iraq. "I don't have any bad feelings towards Iraqi people. I don't try to dehumanize them."

"They're just people like us. And, when you have to shoot somebody, you see a person in front of you and it's different. They're moving. They're living, breathing people, and I'd probably shoot them first, and feel bad about it, and remorse later. But not knowing I killed somebody is a lot more comforting."

Each morning, many Americans wake up and turn on the TV to find out the latest news from Iraq. The body count continues to grow. But Mujica said there's more to it than that. He says that it's not just torture and trying desperately to go from one point to another while still holding on to your own life line.

It's about "helping other people stay alive," he said, "keeping them company, hearing what they have to say, sharing a hookah with them, whatever." Your bunk mates become your best friends, he explains. The guy next to you in the convoy under fire becomes the most important thing.

Army Sgt. Martin, class E-5, a UCF student who wishes to be known only as Martin, understands the camaraderie that Mujica describes well. "When you're over there, you're fighting for the people around you," he said. "That's what matters."

Martin has served a total of 31 months overseas since the war began, working in route clearance and rescue missions. His last tour ended in November 2007.

At around 6 p.m., Martin and his fellow soldiers would ready the vehicles for their route patrol, not leaving base until 10 or 11 p.m. Upon leaving, the vehicles would drive up and down roads searching for bombs that had been set. Either they blew up the bomb or the bomb blew up them, he said. After every explosion, everyone had to be accounted for and taken care of. Sometimes, the bombs were ambushes, making a dangerous situation even more frightening.

Unlike Mujica, whose enlistment ended in June 2003, Martin plans on returning to Iraq, either by being called upon or volunteering to return. For him, it's the rescue missions that matter most. It's the smiles on the dirt-smudged faces, and the sounds of people so happy to see him that drive his passion.

"I go in and I go get those people and I bring them home," Martin said. Saving lives is the most important thing to Martin, whose voice reflects the compassion of a man well beyond his 23 years.

The families of these men and others like them spend every day glued to the TV,



Alex Mujica, 25, junior creative writing major, holds photos of his family. He said keeping in touch with them while deployed was difficult at times. Mujica spent almost eight months deployed overseas in the Marine Corps Military Police.

wondering if their loved ones are OK and if they will ever hear the sound of their voice again.

Jamie Rigdon, a Central Florida resident, spends much of her time paying attention to the most recent news out of Iraq. Her brother, Lance Cpl. Grant Rigdon, is a former Valencia student whose now in the Marines. He left for Iraq in March and is currently still deployed.

"There is a big piece missing," she said. "It makes everything more stressful because everyone is always worried about him."

Families like the Rigdons watch the news, which Jamie Rigdon describes as frightening, to cope with the situation and try to stay on top of what is happening overseas with their loved ones.

Hunter Williams, a UCF senior, knows this feeling all too well. His mother, Navy Lt. Christina Williams, is on her second tour of duty in Iraq, serving as a doctor for the Marines in Al Asad.

Although Hunter Williams has been against the war since its beginning, he is not against his mother's involvement.

"I love my mom, so I have to support her in whatever she decides to do," he said.

For the Williams family, life was difficult when Christina Williams returned home after her first tour.

"When she came back from Iraq the first time, she was definitely a different person," Hunter Williams said.

Martin agrees on the change you see in people once they return from overseas.

"Everybody who comes back is a little bit different," said Martin.

Martin says he feels that the experience of war has matured him a great deal

with the responsibility of taking care of his own life and the lives of others.

Mujica said that he too has been changed by his experiences. He says his level of aggression, especially on the road, has increased and he is far more sensitive to scenes of cruelty and sadness in the news and entertainment. He chuckles to himself as he goes on to explain his classically conditioned aversion to fire crackers and thus, his inability to stand New Year's or the Fourth of July.


For the men and women who serve and the families who wait here for them, it's not about the trivial things in life anymore, explains Mujica. It's not about whether or not the car has gas, who missed what appointment, or whose turn it is to do the chores. It's about the things that many people take for granted.

After living in the desert for four years, first in Yuma, Ariz., then in Kuwait and Iraq, with nothing but sand, cement, and asphalt that may reach 148 degrees Fahrenheit, Mujica explained how moving even the simplest things can be.

"I was never so happy to see trees and grass. Coming back and seeing the trees — man — it literally brought tears to my eyes," he said.

These men and women — and their families — have given a portion of their lives to help save others. For Martin it is the rescue missions, for Mujica it's the people around him. But regardless of whose life is being saved, these individuals have taken on a deadly job that could have cost them their own lives. In doing so, they have done an honor to this country and to those whose lives they have saved.

LOCAL WEATHER

	Today SCATTERED T-STORMS High: 90° Low: 74°	TODAY IN DETAIL Today: 40 percent chance of rain. East southeast winds at 10 mph. Tonight: Storms into the evening. East southeast winds at 8 mph.		Tuesday T-STORMS High: 90° Low: 74°
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Internships help obtain lifelong knowledge

LATESHA GOODMAN
Contributing Writer

Four years ago, intern Estee Martin had a choice: she could escape Hurricane Charley's winds or help WPYO Power 95.3 host its annual Calle Orange Festival. Martin chose to stay.

Martin said that choice and hard work made her stand out. In Jan. 2004 the intern became a promotions assistant, and a year later she became a part-time radio personality.

However, Martin, 23, said internships do not always result in employment. She advises students to focus their attention on gaining experience. The radio personality said gaining the experience is the most valuable part.

"People complain they don't get paid for internships, but your experience is worth so much more than getting paid," Martin said. "They go on your resume for the rest of your life."

According to the National Association of College and Employers Job Outlook 2008 survey, "approximately 95 percent of the organizations" value candidates with experience. This means more than half of employers take experience into consideration.

Martin said it doesn't matter how students acquire their experience, just as long as they do. She thinks they should take an internship immediately after high school. Martin herself interned while attending Valencia Community College full time.

Finance major Eze Nnadi, 22, shares Martin's enthusiasm, but said internships do not guarantee field experience. During spring he interned with Marcus & Millichap Real Estate Investment Services. He said there was a lot of tedious work involved.

"I was trying to get to know the commercial real estate industry, but they had me doing the grunt work," Nnadi said. "I only faxed,

copied and bonded documents."

Nnadi said he expected to at least shadow a real estate broker or a real estate underwriter. Instead the finance major said he spent the entire semester "bored." The senior now interns at Eola Capital, LLC, a privately held real estate company.

Finance major Alana Champagne, 23, interned at Marcus & Millichap the same time Nnadi did. She said the senior associates kept their word and taught her every aspect of the industry.

"I felt that the senior associate Nicholas Ledvora has fulfilled his promise," Champagne said.

Champagne said she performed clerical work, but was given more responsibility because her internship was longer. She began interning in the fall semester without credit, but then received credit in the spring.

"You get out of it what you put in it," Champagne said. "You always start from the bottom."

Experiential Learning adviser Ulla Isaac also shares these sentiments. For 10 years she has helped students in different departments locate internships and co-operative programs.

"One of the things we emphasize when we talk with students is when you are the new kid on the block, you end up having to do basic things because they are the easiest things for someone to learn quickly," Isaac said.

In her opinion, students should know what they are committing to before they agree to an internship. Isaac says this is important because interns may become disillusioned with their status.

"One of the main problem is students expect internships to be an answer to all their prayers," Isaac said. "They think it is going to be the miracle that lands them into a very well-paid position, and I think that is very unrealistic because internships are for a very brief peri-

od of time."

Isaac suggested they use the course assignments to get more out of their internships. She said the assignments are designed to help interns create goals and strategizing ways to achieve them during the course.

Martin recommended students be more demanding than passive. She said it is not beneficial for interns to settle for a less than mediocre internship.

"You have to be outspoken," Martin said. "Of course they [employers] are going to make you do a little grunt work, but interns have to be assertive."

Stephen Obeng, 21, a micromolecular biology major, said his internship helped him find his career. When Obeng was 17, he spent a semester conducting studies on fighting high blood pressure at Bethune-Cookman University.

"My internship made me realize that I do not want to do research as a career," he said. "I want to do something more pre-professional like a doctor or dentistry."

Obeng credits the experience for helping him discover that his true passion is not research.

"An internship doesn't just look good on your resume, it helps you decide what you want," Obeng said.

Nonetheless, Obeng intends to add the internship to his resume. He said that it will enhance his potential chances of being hired. Nnadi also plans on using the Marcus & Millichap internship on his resume.

"Even bad internships look good on resumes," Nnadi said.

Martin said she recommends that students do this. The radio personality understands that companies do budget cuts. She said if that ever occurred, an internship makes her feel confident about cementing another job in her field.

"If I change my mind about radio, I can do it now," Martin said.



JOHANNA STEWART / CENTRAL FLORIDA FUTURE

UCF student Estee Martin, radio/TV major, works her shift as DJ Estee at the radio station Power 95.3 FM. Martin started as an intern in August 2004 and was later offered a position in the promotions department after being discovered by DJ Priya B, the station's afternoon DJ.

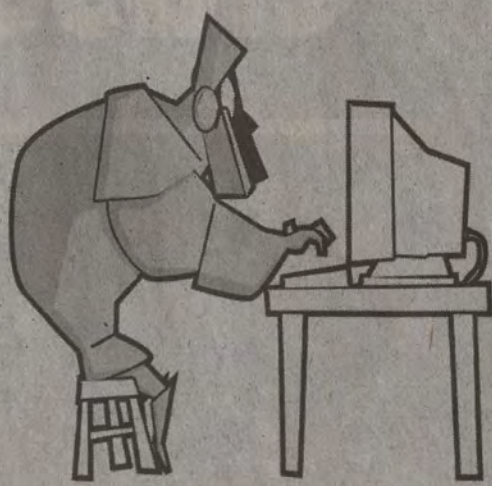
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LOCAL & STATE

FROM A2

Tropical Storm Bertha heads across the Atlantic Ocean

MIAMI — Tropical Storm Bertha continues to speed across the Atlantic Ocean.

At 5 p.m. EDT Saturday, Bertha was centered about 1,015 miles west of the Cape Verde Islands. It was expected to be about halfway between the west coast of Africa and the Lesser Antilles late Saturday night.

Maximum sustained winds are near 50 mph with some higher gusting. Forecasters say conditions are expected to become more conducive for strengthening and Bertha could become the Atlantic season's first hurricane in a few days.

It's still too early to say if or where Bertha will hit land.

The first named storm this year, Arthur, formed in the Atlantic the day before the season officially started June 1 and soaked the Yucatan Peninsula.

Snail kite hawks are declining in population; fewer than 1,000 left

MIAMI — Biologists say an endangered hawk in the Everglades is getting closer to extinction.

Experts say the number of Everglades snail kites are falling fast because of droughts and a water management scheme intended to help another at-risk bird.

Biologists are still finishing their annual count, but they say the snail kite will likely drop to its lowest numbers in decades. There may be fewer than 1,000 birds left.

The snail kite was a founding member of the federal endangered species list in 1967. A decade ago, it had seemed one of the success stories in the Everglades after its numbers increased.

— ASSOCIATED PRESS

HIGHER
EDUCATION

What's in the news at colleges around the country

University of Iowa working to get school cleaned up in time for fall

DES MOINES, Iowa — University of Iowa officials are looking toward this fall as school officials continue assessing flood damage that is expected to top \$75 million.

"That's a very preliminary estimate," university spokesman Steve Parrott said Thursday. "That will go much higher."

Flooding damaged as many as 20 university buildings, with the worst problems on the school's arts campus. The university's track, softball fields and tunnel system also were damaged.

The university has hired two companies to help conduct hazardous material analysis and dry out the buildings.

Parrott said university officials already know that some buildings, particularly those on the arts campus, will not be repaired in time for the fall semester that starts Aug. 25.

That has prompted university officials to lease space elsewhere in Iowa City.

He said the university is continuing to look for other space to lease for art, music and theater students.

"We're scouring places, for places for them to perform and to practice," Parrott said. "Our priority is to get buildings done to get students in classrooms in the fall, and make sure our utility system, our heating system, is ready for winter."

The university also has moved some stores out of the lower level of the Memorial Union to the Old Capitol Center.

He said the \$75 million damage estimate does not include items such as the cost of leasing spaces. He said it also does not include a total assessment of damage to university buildings.

He said that while the university's insurance carrier will likely cover some of the damage, officials hope some of the costs will be covered by FEMA.

— ASSOCIATED PRESS

NATION & WORLD

Keep current with headlines from around the globe



JEFF BARNARD / ASSOCIATED PRESS
Kent Couch prepares to take off Saturday in his latest attempt to fly from his gas station in Oregon, more than 200 miles to Idaho in a lawn chair rigged with balloons.

Oregon man floats to Idaho in lawn chair tied to balloons

CAMBRIDGE, Idaho — Using his trusty BB gun to help him return to Earth, a 48-year-old gas station owner flew a lawn chair rigged with helium-filled balloons more than 200 miles across the Oregon desert Saturday, landing in a field in Idaho.

Kent Couch created a sensation in this tiny farming community, where he touched down safely in a pasture after lifting off from Bend, Ore., and was soon greeted by dozens of people who gave him drinks of water, local plumber Mark Hetz said.

Couch covered about 235 miles in about nine hours after lifting off at dawn from his gas station riding in a green lawn chair rigged with an array of more than 150 giant party balloons.

Sandi Barton, 58, who has lived her whole life in this town of about 300, said she and her brother-in-law were the first ones to reach Couch and shook his hand.

After spilling off some cherry-flavored Kool-Aid that served as ballast, Couch got a push from the ground crew so he could clear light poles and soared over a coffee cart and across U.S. Highway 20 into a bright blue sky.

This was Couch's third balloon flight. He realized it would be possible after watching a TV show about the 1982 lawn chair flight over Los Angeles of truck driver Larry Walters, who gained folk hero fame but was fined \$1,500 for violating air traffic rules.

Each balloon gives four pounds of lift. The chair was about 400 pounds, and Couch and his parachute 200 more.

"I'd go to 30,000 feet if I didn't shoot a balloon down periodically," Couch said.

For that job, he carried a Red Ryder BB gun and a blow gun equipped with steel darts. He also had a pole with a hook for pulling in balloons, a parachute in case anything went wrong, a handheld Global Positioning System device with altimeter, a satellite phone, and two GPS tracking devices. One was one for him, the other for the chair, which got away in the wind as he landed last year.

For food he carried some boiled eggs, jerky and chocolate.

Couch flew hang gliders and skydived before taking up lawn-chair flights. He estimated the rig cost about \$6,000, mostly for helium. Costs were defrayed by corporate sponsors.

Suicide attack in Pakistan kills more than 10 police officers

ISLAMABAD, Pakistan — A senior government official says more than 10 police officers have been killed in a suicide attack in Pakistan's capital.

Rana Akbar Hayat told reporters near the scene that all the victims were police officials and that the police station had been targeted by a suicide attacker.

The blast came as thousands of Islamists were gathered not far away to mark the one-year anniversary of a deadly military crackdown on a radical mosque. It was not clear whether the events were linked.

The explosion also came following recent threats of revenge from militants in Pakistan angered by a paramilitary operation against insurgents in the tribal north-west.

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Bush announces at that U.S. won't boycott Olympics

TOYAKO, Japan — President Bush said Sunday he does not feel the need to boycott the opening ceremonies of the Beijing Olympics to state his opposition to China's human rights record. Skipping the event would be an "affront" to the Chinese people, he said.

Bush spoke at a news conference with Japanese Prime Minister Yasuo Fukuda, who announced that he also plans to attend the ceremonies. Other world leaders have decided not to go as a rebuke to China's violent crackdown on anti-government protests in Tibet.

The U.S. and Japanese leaders met on the eve of this year's Group of Eight meeting of industrialized nations. At the summit, presidents and prime ministers hope for a deal that would set targets for reducing the pollution that causes global warming. But few analysts expect major headway or concessions from Bush. He insists on holding China and India, fast-growing economies and among the world's biggest polluters, to the same emission-reduction standards as older, developed economies.

Bush said that he hopes to get China and India to agree to a long-term goal to cut emissions. But he scaled back expectation about what the summit could achieve or what could result from meetings on the sidelines with leaders of large gas-emitting nations.

The president said he was "realistic enough to tell you that if China and India don't share that same aspiration, that we're not going to solve the problem."

Fukuda is seeking agreement for 50 percent overall reduction in greenhouse gases by 2050. He hedged when asked whether the U.S. was holding up any such deal.

Iraq is making more electricity, less violence given as reason

BAGHDAD — Iraq's electricity production jumped more than 10 percent in roughly the first six months of 2008 compared to the same period a year ago, the director of energy operations for coalition forces said Sunday.

Iraqi authorities have taken advantage of the recent decline in violence to repair damaged power stations and begin building new infrastructure, Brig. Carew Wilks said at a news conference in Baghdad's Green Zone.

Those efforts have helped boost electricity production by 11 percent. But there is still not enough capacity to meet all of Iraq's needs, so coalition forces are working with the Iraqi government on ways to share power across the country, said Wilks.

The electricity gains have been possible because violence in Iraq has dropped to its lowest level in more than four years. The change has been driven by the 2007 buildup of American forces, the Sunni revolt against al-Qaida in Iraq and Iraqi government crackdowns against Sunni extremists and Shiite militias, among other factors.

Despite these security gains, daily attacks continue throughout the country.

A Kurdish party member was injured Sunday in an assassination attempt by a roadside bomb that killed seven people and wounded three others in Iraq's eastern Diyala province, said a local government official.

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Pageant's theme was 'Diamonds and Denim'

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made friendships I know I will keep up with forever, no doubt," said Audra Martin, a radio-TV major and the winner of the Miss UCF pageant in February.

"I was so excited to represent UCF, because I am such a proud Golden Knight ... I love UCF, and it is a real honor to represent such an amazing university," Martin said.

To qualify for the Miss Florida Beauty Pageant, contestants must be a Florida resident between the ages of 17 and 24 years old and have never been married. The winner of the Miss Florida competition wins scholarship money and will go on to represent Florida in the 2009 Miss America Beauty Pageant — not to be confused with the similarly named Miss USA competition.

The Miss Florida competition was divided into five different sections: the private interview, which amounts for

25 percent of the contestant's final score, the swimsuit competition, which amounts for 15 percent of the final score, an onstage question, which is 5 percent of the final score, the evening wear competition, which is 20 percent of the final score, and the talent demonstration, which is 35 percent of the final score.

For the talent portion of the 2008 Miss Florida pageant, the competitors presented a wide diversity of acts ranging from singing, to dance, piano performances, to an abridged recitation of every single one of Scarlett O'Hara's lines from the film *Gone With the Wind*, to a rendition on xylophone of the Saber Dance Movement from the ballet *Gayane*.

Carly Turner, an interpersonal communications major at UCF, sang "Over the Rainbow" from *The Wizard of Oz*.

"Ever since I was little, I really admired Judy Garland. *Wizard of Oz* is my favorite movies, so that is why I

picked it," said Turner, whose appearance in the Miss Florida pageant made it only the third time she was in a beauty pageant.

"[My] parents love it, they are going crazy with the pictures ... they are very supportive and very proud," Turner said.

The 2008 Miss Florida pageant was hosted by Kylie Williams, the 2007 Miss Florida winner. The theme was "Denim and Diamonds," which featured country western music set to the backdrop of blue jeans and rhinestones.

On Saturday, Miss Palm Beach County 2008 Sierra Minott was declared as being the winner, with Miss Tampa Kaitlin Monte as runner up.

The Miss Florida pageant started in 1935. Two winners have gone on to win the Miss America competition. Additionally, the winner of the 1974 Miss Florida Competition was actress Delta Burke, who later went on to star in the hit television show *Designing Women*.

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Prof. also Jesuit, philosopher

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ical Society, a nonprofit organization dedicated to the research and the education of the planetary sciences, there are currently 34,553 named meteorites on Earth.

Macke's academic history is long and spans four different colleges. After earning a Bachelor of Science degree in physics from Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Macke then went on to the Saint Louis University where he earned a master's degree in physics.

Instead of perusing a Ph.D after earning his master's, Macke instead became a member of the Society of Jesus, also known as the Jesuits, a more than 400-year-old religious order within the

Catholic Church, which concentrates on several aspects of service work, including higher education.

According to Macke, being a member of the Society for Jesus opened many doors for him both personally and academically.

"What I found was that, as a Jesuit, I my life is much more integrated than it was before," said Macke. "In the past, I had felt that my work life and my prayer life operated in two separate realms. Now, work and prayer (and everything else) all fit into one cohesive whole."

"Academically, the Society of Jesus has always been known for its education. Jesuits are very well trained, especially in philosophy and theology but also in many

diverse areas of specialty," Macke said.

After becoming part of the Society of Jesus, Macke went on to earn a master's degree in philosophy from Washington University in St. Louis and then went on to observe the Vatican Observatory's meteorite collection in Italy. It was at the Vatican Observatory where Macke met Dan Britt, an associate professor of physics and director of UCF's Robinson Observatory. It was Britt — who had previously won a fellowship for the Smithsonian — who convinced Macke to come to UCF.

Macke said that his Jesuit superiors fully support his attempts to achieve a Ph.D at UCF, and that after he achieves his degree he plans to get an academic degree in theology.

Quality of staffing also studied

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facility-based assessments, MDS or Minimal Data Set, which is resident-based, the OSCA database, which is an area resource file, and Medicaid/Medicare Expenditures," Wan said.

The facility-based assessments, which are comparable to audits, are done only once a year due to the high cost. Citations are usually given for areas of weakness. This causes more deficiency, which causes lower quality.

"These audits are very rigorous, and since the facilities rely so heavily on federal subsidies, they can be closed down," Wan said.

The MDS or resident-based assessment covers their health problems, health services, etc. It allows progression to be observed, considering 60 percent of patients will be released. Wan explained that nursing homes aren't dead ends. Some people are hospitalized and need restorative care, and Medicaid and Medicare often cover these charges.

The OSCA database functions as an area resource file and gives information on the market influence, such as how many beds are available and whether or not it is competitive.

The Medicaid/Medicare expenditure allows the government to see what amount of money is needed for the production process and maintaining efficiency on both a facility and patient level. This information has only been compiled for Florida at this point due to the amount of time needed to compute the data.

While there have been many first-rate journals and publications on this research and its findings, the main question the team was trying to answer was this: What makes the difference in quality?



PHOTOS COURTESY GERALD BREEN
UCF professors Gerald Breen (above) and Thomas Wan (below) worked with professors Jackie Zhang and Lynn Unruth to research nursing homes. The team was given an \$860,000 grant.

This question led them to analyze the relationship between efficiency and quality, and through this analysis, the team found that there was a positive association between the two.

"In a cross-sectional perspective, there is no trade-off," Wan said. "In the long-haul, there is much effect on efficiency that has a detrimental effect on quality."

This research allowed the team to discover what the optimal level of efficiency is in order to maintain quality. Manager consultations can be provided in order to help them take advantage of the findings. Only Florida's efficiency was analyzed; however, quality was taken into account for the entire country.

"There should be a balanced scorecard of the ingredients of production," Wan said.

Feedback is offered upon request, so that facility directors aren't left with unsolvable citations.

"Anyone willing to offer information on optimizing quality while taking efficiency into account is helpful," said Fred Pitts, the director of recreational services at the Life Care Center of Orlando. "Any help is welcome."

Wan said he has four or five potential projects in mind, and he will continue to pursue this line of work.

"We have one grant pending for this type of model in China. About 12 percent of the population is elderly in China," Wan said.

So far, Wan has received many inquiries about the study, and he explained that their work has produced a lot of benefits aside from the money it will bring in, such as producing data and interest of colleges that leave a legacy for UCF.

"The book we are working on is a culmination of our research and serves as a benchmark and major reference for scholars," Breen said. "I considered it a privilege to work with Dr. Wan."

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Students feel stress of intense summer classes

SHAUN BEVAN
Contributing Writer

As Gladys Zapata sits under the shade of a nearby tree, the soon-to-be UCF freshman holds her just recently printed summer class schedule in her hands.

Zapata is a new student who hasn't yet experienced the transition between the quick-paced Summer A and Summer B ses-

sions.

"I think summer courses are difficult, the curriculums are so compacted that students have a hard time transitioning," said Patricia Angley, an undergraduate adviser for the English department.

Courses taught at UCF during the summer semester are broken into four sessions where one of the shorter sessions, Summer A, ended on June 20.

One student around campus said that the weekend break between sessions was "no big deal," but acknowledges the fact that the summer semester itself is hard enough.

"Summer classes are a lot harder since you have to pack a lot more in six weeks," said Jonathan Gaines, a junior finance major. "It definitely takes more out of you."

But for students like Zapata,

it could be a good thing.

"Summer sessions are concentrated but that can be a good thing however because it's like immersion," Angley said.

On the flip side, some students who have been flipping through the course books during Summer A feel that transition isn't that big of a bump in the road.

"It's just a weekend, so it's no big deal," Gaines said.

Angley can understand the feelings some students are going through.

"If they are in Summer A they know what to expect in Summer B," Angley said.

Junior Tyler Strickland is taking a Summer C course, which means that he won't feel the effects of the transition, but still understands what it feels like to have short summer classes.

"They condense the sum-

mer classes down so much that you have to pretty much be here the whole time," Strickland said. "You can't really skip."

As Zapata looks at her new schedule, she said she's excited about taking her three summer classes.

"Study for success, English composition I and college algebra," Zapata said. "But besides that, I'm looking forward to campus life."

Cooler weather helps keep California wildfires contained

CHRISTINA HOAG
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Cooler weather on Sunday gave a boost to crews battling the enormous wildfire that was threatening nearly 2,700 homes in Santa Barbara County.

The four-day-old fire in the Los Padres National Forest, which had blackened about 13 square miles, spread slightly during the night but firefighting crews were able to keep it with it, county spokeswoman Vickie Guthrie said.

As of Sunday morning, the fire in the area of the town of Goleta was 28 percent contained, she said.

And with lower wind and higher humidity forecast for Sunday, crews were optimistic they could get more acreage under control. Temperatures were forecast to reach the upper 70s later Sunday.

"They expect to make progress today," Guthrie said.

Wildfires have charred more than 800 square miles of forest, brush and grass and have destroyed at least 69 homes throughout California, mainly in the northern part of the state, in the past two weeks. One firefighter died of a heart attack.

According to state forestry officials, at one time there were more than 1,700 active fires, but about 1,400 had been contained, leaving more than 330 still out of control Sunday

morning.

Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger, who on Saturday visited a command post in the coastal region of Santa Barbara County, has ordered 400 National Guard troops trained to help fight the blazes. He also urged lawmakers to adopt his budget plan for a \$70 million emergency surcharge on home and business insurance policies to buy more firefighting equipment.

Nearly 2,700 homes in Santa Barbara County remained under mandatory evacuation orders Sunday and residents of 1,400 others were warned to be ready to flee.

The fire, fueled by 15-foot-high, half-century-old chaparral, still had the potential to roll through a hilly area of ranches, housing tracts and orchards between the town of Goleta and Santa Barbara, keeping firefighters on their toes.

Temperatures dipped to around 60 degrees during the night, but were forecast to reach the high 70s later Sunday.

Nearly 1,200 firefighters were assisted by a DC-10 air tanker and other aircraft dumping water and fire retardant along ridges and in steep canyons.

Investigators think the fire, which began Tuesday, was human-caused. The U.S. Forest Service on Saturday asked for public help in determining how it was started.

Meanwhile, cooler weather helped crews attacking the



Firefighters monitor a burning redwood tree along Highway 1 in Big Sur, Calif., on Saturday. Cooler temperatures and marine fog allowed firefighters to gain some ground early on an obstinate wildfire that nearly wiped out this world-famous coastal retreat during the height of its tourist season. Weak winds also helped keep the sparks from spreading.

two-week-old blaze that has destroyed 22 homes in Big Sur, at the northern end of the Los Padres forest, but the fire continued to grow slowly on all flanks Saturday night.

The fire, which had blackened 111 square miles, was only 5 percent contained with full

containment not expected until July 30, but morning fog that moved in from the sea helped prevent it from advancing on Big Sur's famed restaurants and hotels.

"We're gaining ground, but we're nowhere near being done," said Gregg DeNitto, a


spokesman for the U.S. Forest Service. "There's still a lot of potential out there. The fire has been less active the last couple of days. We've had favorable weather; they are taking every opportunity to get some line on it."

The weather was expected

to become hotter and drier over the next couple of days, he said, with wind and temperatures rising and humidity dropping.

"The fire still has the potential for movement and the potential to get out of our containment lines," he said.

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NORWEGIAN HUSHOVD WINS
2ND TOUR DE FRANCE STAGE

SAINT-BRIEUC, France — Sprint specialist Thor Hushovd of Norway won the second stage of the Tour de France on Sunday, and Alejandro Valverde of Spain kept the overall lead on a windy, rain-splattered ride through the Brittany countryside.

Valverde finished in the trailing pack and retained the yellow jersey after the mostly flat 102-mile route from Auray to Saint-Brieuc.

Hushovd, who rides for the Credit Agricole team, won a Tour stage for the sixth time. He bolted from the pack with about 50 yards to go and finished in 3 hours, 45 minutes, 13 seconds. Team Columbia riders Kim Kirchen of Luxembourg and Gerald Ciolek of Germany were second and third.

Valverde, the Caisse d'Epargne team leader, is a second in front of both Kirchen and Spanish sprint star Oscar Freire.

NASCAR

KYLE BUSCH WINS SIXTH
NASCAR EVENT BY A NOSE

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. — Kyle Busch bested Carl Edwards in a door-to-door drag race Saturday night that ended under caution with Busch earning his Sprint Cup Series-best sixth victory of the season.

Say what you want about Busch, the driver NASCAR fans love to hate. But the kid doesn't quit, not when a checkered flag is on the line.

He got his 12th victory of the season, spanning all three of NASCAR's top series.

Busch and Edwards were drag racing with a little over a lap remaining when a multicar accident brought out the caution behind them. The field was frozen, and while Edwards was pretty sure Busch was a nose ahead, no one was 100 percent certain.

"I can't believe that we're here right now," Busch said in Victory Lane. "We didn't have the best car. Luckily we were leading there when it mattered most."

Edwards finished second and was disappointed not to have one last lap to finish his race with Busch.

"Man, I hate to lose the thing like that," Edwards said. "I wish we could have raced a little longer."

SWIMMING

HOELZER SETS THE NINTH WR
AT THE U.S. SWIMMING TRIALS

OMAHA, Neb. — Margaret Hoelzer has set the ninth world record of the U.S. swimming trials, winning the 200-meter backstroke in 2 minutes, 6.09 seconds.

The 25-year-old got a great surge off the wall heading into her third lap, then closed strong to beat the record of 2:06.39 set by Zimbabwe's Kirsty Coventry in February.

Fifteen-year-old Elizabeth Beisel, a rising star in American swimming, rallied to take the second Olympic spot in 2:06.92. Hard-luck Hayley McGregory finished third again, matching her finish in the 100-meter backstroke. Since she didn't finish in the top two, she was denied a berth on the team for the Beijing Olympics.

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Canadian Under-23 Team tabs former UCF rower

WILLIAM PERRY

Contributing Writer

UCF rower Caitlin Pauls was named to the Canadian Under-23 National Team after concluding her collegiate career.

Pauls is a native of St. Catharines, Ontario, and will be rowing with Washington Huskie Samantha Smith. The two of them will represent Canada at the World Rowing U-23 Championships in Brandenburg, Germany from July 17 through July 20.

Pauls and her teammates left Sunday for Tilburg, Netherlands, where they will train before traveling to Germany.

"Practices have been going really well for us," Pauls said in a press release. "We've had the opportunity to practice with the Canadian Olympic Team as well as having the Olympic coaches coach us for a few practices. We just got back from a trip to Bucknell where we practiced with the United States U-23 Team."

"Unfortunately, they're not racing a pair, so we just got a head start on the 8-plusers for all the pieces. But it was good for us, and we're ready to go over to Europe and get racing."

The races, also known as regattas, begin on July 17 and end with the finals on July 20. Seven hundred and ninety-two rowers from 54 nations will compete in the championship, the highest number of participants since the event acquired World Rowing Championship

status in 2005.

The event began in 1976 as a way to provide young rowers with experience before going to the elite ranks of rowing. It was first named the Match des Seniors and then became the Nations Cup before obtaining complete FISA World Championship status in 2005.

Pauls has helped lead UCF to numerous wins throughout her college career, and the team was ranked as high as No. 9 in the 2007 season.

Pauls, a health science major, has also been recognized for her work in the classroom. She was named a national scholar-athlete by the Collegiate Rowing Coaches Association and also earned CRCA South Region first-team honors last year.

Before attending UCF, Pauls rowed at the Ridley Graduate Rowing Club during her high school years.

Her prior accomplishments

CAITLIN PAULS



At UCF:

Three-year member of UCF Rowing team

This summer:

Pauls was selected to the Canadian Under-23 National Team. It will compete in the World Rowing U-23 Championship in Germany from July 17-20.

include winning the 2004 Bobby Pearce Award from Rowing Canada as the Canadian Junior Sculler of the Year, winning the Ontario Ergometer Championship all four years, winning the junior lightweight division at Canadian Ergometer and winning first place at the Canadian Schoolboy Championship three times.

Men's soccer signee to play for
Puerto Rico U-20 National Team

BRIAN MURPHY

Sports Editor

Before men's soccer signee Chris Feigenbaum ever hits the pitch for the University of Central Florida, he will compete for the nation of Puerto Rico on its under-20 national team.

Feigenbaum, who was one player in the Knights' 10-player recruiting class back in February, recently made the cut for the national team, which is set to compete later this month.

Puerto Rico is one of four teams in Group B of the CONCACAF Caribbean qualification for the 2009 CONCACAF U-20 Championship in Trinidad & Tobago.

"He's gotten better every time I see him," UCF Men's Soccer head coach Bryan Cunningham said of Feigenbaum in a telephone interview. "He has an unbelievable work ethic and is a great factor on the field."

Feigenbaum, who scouting reports on the UCF Athletics Web site have stated is a solid defensive player and a good ball-handler, was a member AFC Lightning club team at the



BRIAN MURPHY

Sports Editor

Plancher
case still
without
answers

It was 110 days ago that tragedy overwhelmed the UCF Football team. On March 18, the Knights suffered the most emotional loss of all: the loss of one of their own.

Yet, today, the actual cause of Ereck Plancher's death remains as much a mystery as it was on March 18. But why?

A July 4 article in the *Orlando Sentinel* stated that the investigation into Plancher's death, which was initially estimated to be ready 10-12 weeks after his death by the Office of the Medical Examiner for Orange and Osceola Counties, still has not been completed, and there is no new timetable for the final autopsy report.

"Ten to 12 weeks is standard for an autopsy, but it's not unusual for some of our cases to take a lot longer," medical examiner spokeswoman Sheri Blanton said to the *Sentinel*.

That doesn't answer any questions. What causes the cases to take a lot longer? What is holding up this case specifically? We had no answers then, and we have no answers now.

There has been some precedent for long periods of time passing before a conclusive cause is named for an athlete's death. It took 217 days for the Hillsborough County medical examiner to complete the autopsy report on South Florida football player Keeley Dorsey, who, much like Plancher, died after a team conditioning workout in January 2007.

A county medical examiner said in August 2007 that Dorsey most likely died due to an undiagnosed genetic heart disorder that causes irregular heart rhythms. It wouldn't surprise me if Plancher died from a similar cause, but at this point, any definitive reason would be nice because since the day he died, Plancher's final moments in life have been shrouded in controversy.

First, there were the inconclusive results of the initial autopsy, one day after the death. That was followed shortly thereafter by speculation over the exact length and intensity of the workout.

Then came the controversy in April of four anonymous players describing to the *Sentinel* the actions of head coach George O'Leary while Plancher was struggling to catch his breath. O'Leary strongly denied the allegations while everyone else was left to wonder if it's true, or did the players just have a vendetta against their coach.

Now we are dealing with this latest chapter, which leaves us with more questions. But most importantly, it makes us forget about the person at the center of it all.

Unfortunately, Ereck Plancher became more famous at UCF in death than in life. A redshirt freshman wide receiver, Plancher never played in a game for the Knights, so most of us have had to learn about him from testimonies by his loved ones.

A former teammate on Plancher's high school football team told the *Naples Daily News* in March: "He

Nadal captures Wimbledon

STEPHEN WILSON
Associated Press

WIMBLEDON, England — Rafael Nadal ended Roger Federer's five-year reign at Wimbledon on Sunday, winning a riveting, five-set marathon to claim his first title at the All England Club and signal a changing of the guard in men's tennis.

Nadal held off a stirring comeback by Federer from two sets down to prevail 6-4, 6-4, 6-7 (5), 6-7 (8), 9-7. He became the first man to win the French Open and Wimbledon in the same year since Bjorn Borg in 1980.

Nadal, the first Spaniard to win Wimbledon since Manolo Santana in 1966, avenged his losses to Federer in the last two finals here and snapped the Swiss star's All England Club winning streak at 40 matches and overall grass-court run at 65.

Nadal found the opening he needed after a second deuce at 7-7 in the fifth set, when Federer's long forehand gave the Spaniard the first break of serve by either player since the third set.

The rain-delayed match ended in near darkness after 4 hours, 48 minutes of play — the longest men's final in Wimbledon history — when Federer slapped a forehand into the net on Nadal's fourth match point and second of the game.



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Rafael Nadal and Roger Federer shake hands after Nadal won their five-set match Sun.

Nadal fell onto his back in exhilaration at the baseline. With his shirt caked with turf, he congratulated Federer and climbed into the players' box to embrace his entourage. He had tears in his eyes as he grabbed a Spanish flag and walked across the television commentators' booth to the edge of the Royal Box to shake hands with Prince Felipe and Princess Letizia of Spain.

"It's impossible to explain what I felt in that moment," Nadal said after receiving the winner's trophy from the Duke of Kent. "Just very, very happy to win this title. For me, (it) is a dream to play in this tournament. But to win, I never imagined something like this."

Federer, who converted only one of 13 break points, fell short in his bid to set two landmarks: surpass Bjorn

Borg by winning a sixth consecutive title or equal Willie Renshaw's record of six in a row from 1881-86.

"I tried everything," Federer said. "Rafa is a deserving champion. He just played fantastic. It was the worst opponent on the best court."

Nadal won his fifth Grand Slam title, adding to his four consecutive French Open championships. Federer, meanwhile, remains two shy of Pete Sampras' record of 14 Grand Slam wins.

"He's still No. 1," Nadal said. "He's still the best. He's still five-time champion here and I only have one, so for me it is very, very important."

Watching it all from the front row of the Royal Box was the silver-haired Borg, who won 41 straight Wimbledon matches during his 1976-80 title runs.

Questions cloud Plancher's memory

FROM A7

was a quality person with an unbelievably positive attitude. He was a team leader and fun to be around. As an athlete, I have never seen anyone like him. He never complained. ... Everyone loved him."

Unfortunately, all of those good sentiments have been pushed to the back because of all the speculation, contro-

versy and delays that have dimmed the real story. You can't say that Plancher is being remembered for all the wrong reasons; it's just unfortunate that top news regarding Plancher hasn't been about his character, but rather about these secondary "scoops."

"When we get [the medical examiner's report], we'll get a chance to move toward

some real closure," UCF President John Hitt told the *Sentinel* last month. "Until then, we're all still hanging out there a little bit. We all still have some questions we want answered."

And it doesn't look like any of those ultimate answers will come soon. Only when it does will Plancher and his family get what they really deserves: some peace.

Track team brings in new assistant coach

ALLEN LEVIN
Staff Writer

Caryl Smith Gilbert, the women's track and field head coach, announced Wednesday that amateur coach Tyangela Sanders will be joining the Knights as the squad's new assistant coach.

Sanders spent the 2007-08 season as an assistant coach at Knoxville West High School in Tennessee. In her eight years as a coach, Sanders coached five individual national champions, six All-America athletes, 17 national finalists and 10 state champion performers.

Sanders served as executive director and head coach of the Track Knoxville from 2004-07. She helped make the club program and guided her athletes to many accomplishments.

Smith Gilbert said that she is excited to have Sanders as a part of her staff.

"Tyangela brings a wealth of knowledge and experience to our program," she said in a press release. "She will assist in all event areas and will be a tremendous asset as we continue our quest to become one of the nation's elite programs."

In addition to Sanders' coaching accomplishments, she also garnered her own athletic success. At the University of Tennessee, she received All-American honors in the 400-meter dash after finishing sixth at the NCAA Outdoor Championships in 1999. She also received All-Southeastern Conference recognition following the league's indoor and outdoor meets.

Sanders began her coaching career with her alma mater later in 1999. She served as the Lady Volunteers' serving as a recruiting assistant.

Sanders will look to team up with Gilbert to lead a



COURTESY UCF ATHLETICS
UCF Track and Field head coach Caryl Smith Gilbert added Tyangela Sanders to the Knights' staff on Wednesday. Sanders has been a track coach for the past 8 years.

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The Knights' track and field team had a fantastic 2008 season, with 12 NCAA regional-qualifying marks and 23 school records. New assistant coach Tyangela Sanders brings a nice resume of accomplishments to UCF. She has coached five individual national champions and 10 state champions.

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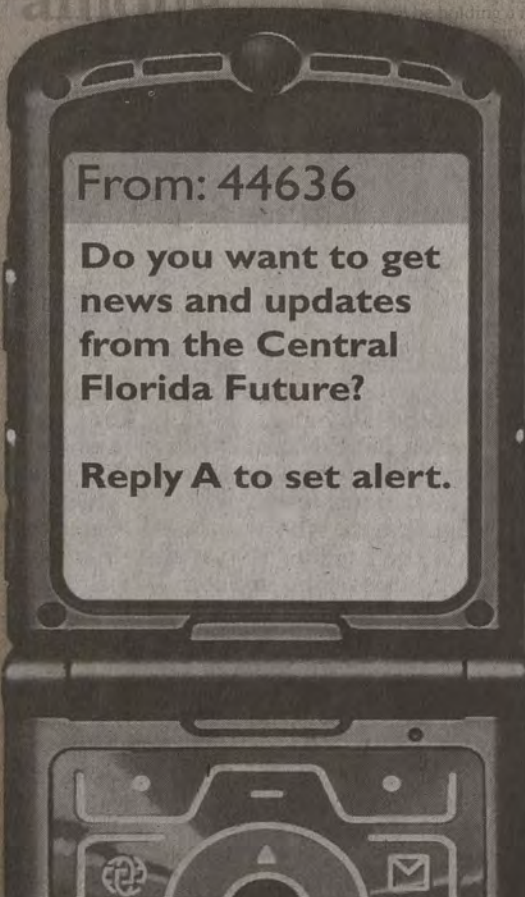
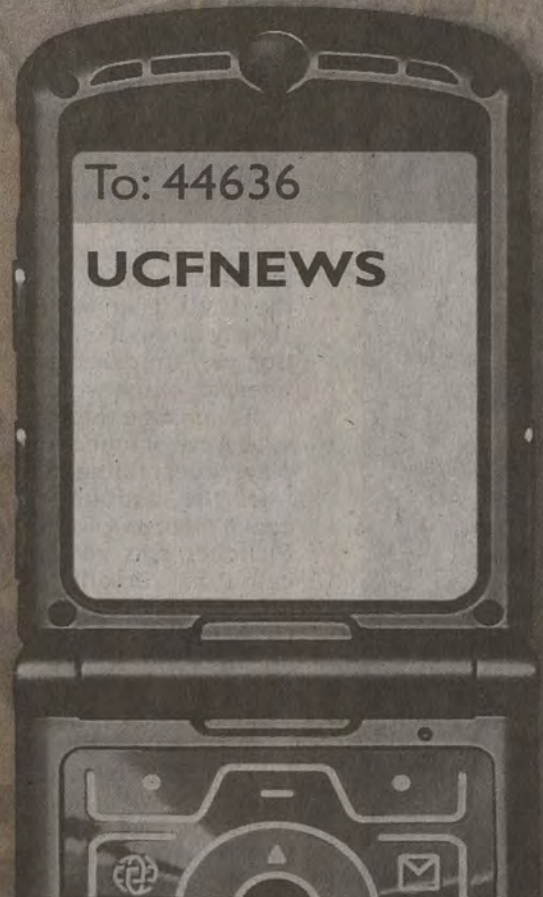
While being a student-athlete at the University of Tennessee in 1999, Sanders received All-American honors in the 400-meter dash after finishing sixth at the NCAA Outdoor Championships. She also garnered All-SEC recognition following the league's indoor and outdoor meets.

Knights squad that had a successful 2007-08 campaign. The Knights recorded their best ever finish at the Conference USA Outdoor Champi-

onships by placing third at the event.

The Knights also set 23 school records during the year.

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U.S. sprinter falls, fails to qualify for 200-meter

EDDIE PELLIS
Associated Press

EUGENE, Ore. — Tyson Gay accelerated through the first curve. Then, he started flying.

Not in the figurative sense, but in an all-too-real way — a shocking sprawl to the ground that cost America's best sprinter an Olympic spot in the 200 meters and made him look like less than a sure thing, health-wise at least, with the Beijing Games five weeks away.

Gay suffered what his manager called a severe cramp in his left hamstring at the U.S. Olympic track and field trials Saturday and had to be carted off the track. He was at his hotel later, being treated with ice.

"It was just one of those things," Gay said in a statement released through USA Track and Field.

Gay already has qualified for the Olympics in the 100 meters, but his chances at doubling are gone. Now, the nervous wait begins to see if it was, indeed, just a cramp, and how that affects his training over the next month.

"There is no apparent damage otherwise, except for some road rash from the fall," said Gay's manager, Mark Wetmore. "He said he felt a little tightness before the race."

Wetmore said Gay was getting an MRI as a precaution. Results were not immediately available.

"When he wakes up tomorrow, he'll know," said former decathlete Dan O'Brien, who famously missed the Olympics 16 years ago. "He'll be able to stretch it out, he'll be able to move it. If he can't sit on the toilet tomorrow, he's got problems."

Had this been gymnastics, or a number of other sports, an injury at trials wouldn't have ended Gay's chance to make the Olympics in that specific event. But USA Track and Field plays it straight — top three finishers at trials make the Olympics, no exceptions.

It's a black-and-white policy that most athletes accept, though it could end up costing the American team as much as Gay in Beijing. Gay is the defending world champion in the 100 and 200 meters.

"I don't know any other way to do it, but it's tough," said Wallace Spearmon, now the favorite in Sunday's finals. "Either you're ready on this day or not. You can be the best athlete coming into it, and you could be sitting at home watching it from the house."

It was, in fact, a stunning setback for the 25-year-old Gay who last week set the American record in the 100 at 9.77 seconds. In the final, he ran it in 9.68, the fastest time ever recorded, but not a world record because the tailwind was too strong.

"It's scary. Especially in a round," said 200 women's favorite Allyson Felix. "It kind of shakes up your nerves. But you can't really do anything about it."



Counter-clockwise from top: Sprinter Tyson Gay falls during the 200-meter U.S. Olympic time trials Saturday. He cramped up (left) and had to be helped onto a cart by track officials (right). MRI results on Monday showed a muscle strain.

Damein White, running in the lane next to Gay, said he saw Gay pull up and saw something fly his way. It was the white sticker with Gay's number on it.

"I tried to keep going off the curve," White said. "It kind of threw me off. He just pulled something. He'll be right back. Next year, we've got worlds. You'll see him there."

More urgently, however, are the Olympics. Qualifying for the 100-meter dash starts Aug. 15, and Gay was one of the favorites, along with world-record holder Usain Bolt and Asafa Powell, both of Jamaica.

Members of the U.S. track team are expected to leave for the games about 10 to 14 days before their event starts. Gay also was committed for a meet in London on July 25 and was considering running in a couple more events in Europe before the Olympics.

The injury will open up another spot in the 200, where Gay, Spearmon, Xavier Carter, defending Olympic champion Shawn Crawford and Walter Dix were considered among the top runners going for only three spots.

"It doesn't really change things on my part," Carter

said. "Tyson's a great runner. He's No. 1. Everybody was shooting for him. I'm not going to change anything because he got hurt. I've got to continue doing what I was doing as if he wasn't hurt."

There were no more surprises in the 200 semifinals later Saturday, when all the top contenders advanced. Same in the women's heats, where Felix, 100 champion Muna Lee, Lauryn Williams and Torri Edwards all made it to Sunday's finals without much drama.

Gay's injury, however, made the day a little difficult for everyone involved.

"It's such an awful thing when bad things happen to good people," Williams said.

If his injury truly was only a cramp, he could be back on the track soon.

If it's more serious, it would be a blow for track, at least on the American scene.

Gay is considered one of the fresh, young faces of a sport that has endured unrelenting doping problems over the past several years. Many were hoping to turn the page this season, and they were hoping Gay, a bit shy, but successful, would be a big part of that.

"I'm really glad they're

saying it's just a cramp as opposed to what it looked like,"

Williams said. "My eyes started to well up, like please, 'God no,

don't take him away from us now.' The USA needs him."

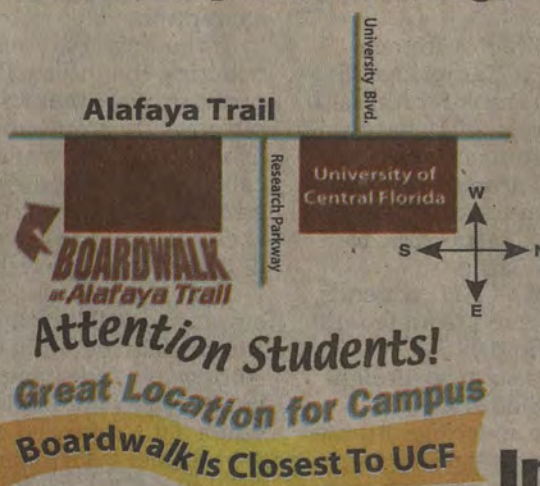
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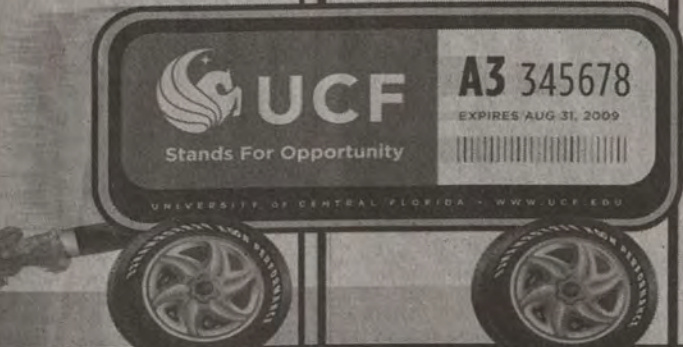
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Those were the words of Terry Hickey, UCF provost and executive vice president, on the possible impact that the recently announced budget cuts may have.

There haven't been any announcements as to which programs will be eliminated and which will stay, but you can bet some of the more unusual majors may not make the cut. At the University of South Florida, the women's studies department and Institute for the Study of Latin America and the Caribbean have already seen the axe fall.

The students at UCF held large protests outside the administration building trying to get answers about why those programs had to be cut altogether when they felt like money could have been diverted from much larger programs with larger budgets.

Students at UCF may not get the chance to protest because according to Hickey, "a silent reduction in faculty and staff has been made to compensate for the loss." This means that every professor who either retired or quit this year won't get replaced. Instead, the professors who did decide to stick it out will be faced with merging the open classes with their own or teaching additional classes.

Already there are 68 faculty and 141 staff positions that will remain vacant for at least another year. On top of that, there are about 100

additional faculty and staff positions that will be cut from the budget as well. Hickey said that departments have been doing an excellent job of "stretching themselves and sharing responsibility," but the only real responsibility here is on the shoulders of the Florida legislature.

Naturally we can't place all of the blame on the UCF administration because it is only doing what it believes is in the best interest in the future of university. We would, however, like to see a better allocation of funds though, because there seem to be many areas of the university that aren't taking much of the brunt from the budget cuts while the most important areas are getting cut down limb from limb.

No, the majority of the fault can be placed on the Florida government who has worked in direct opposition to the best interests of the State University System. Obviously Florida is going through some economically turbulent times right now, especially in real estate, which is one of Florida's largest industries. Yet, tax cuts and tax breaks are not the way to fix our problems. Gov. Charlie Crist pushed for the passage of Amendment 1 earlier this year which will cut \$9.3 billion in property taxes over the next five years. The amendment passed with little opposition from homeowners.

The tremendous opposition came from the people who foresaw the kinds of disasters the budget cuts could bring. Teachers' unions, firefighters and local government leaders were quick to point out that while you might save a few hundred dollars a year on property taxes, the public services that everyone enjoys will suf-

fer significant cutbacks. Andy Ford, president of the Florida Education Association, said that major tax cuts expose the state's education system to significant revenue challenges.

While property tax only contributes to local public education, sales tax directly funds universities from the state through the general revenue fund. Anytime tax cuts are brought into the picture, the general revenue fund has less money to distribute to schools.

"Floridians are concerned about the economy, so I think a tax cut is important to them," Crist said. "I'm pleased for the people of Florida."

Crist and the Legislature are shortchanging the future of this state and the country by compounding the problems in the already lackluster Florida educational system.

Before the tax cut proposals, Crist promised to offset the revenue shortfall in his education budget. From the current state of affairs we can only conclude that either he forgot about his promise or his budget was flawed from the beginning — most likely the latter will prove to be the most accurate.

For now, students will have to face the likelihood that they won't graduate in four years and that their class sizes will continue to grow. No one likes to pay taxes, but guess what — taxes pay for the things we take for granted. UCF already has the highest student-to-faculty ratio in the nation — what other negative lists will we dominate once the budget cuts kick in? It's time to let the Florida Legislature know that tax cuts are only quick Band-Aids and are not a way to solve economic problems.



DON WRIGHT / PALM BEACH POST

Legalizing marijuana will ruin a great culture

As we coast through this election season, it seems that everyone has knowledge on current and relevant issues: the economy, gas prices, gay rights, etc. That said, there is one issue on the minds of American youth that you don't have to wait until an election year to hear about: Marijuana.

The fight for reform of weed laws has been quite a long battle — nearly half a century and counting — but the pot smokers of America refuse to relent. From their ongoing struggle against the woes of prohibition, the cannabis consumers of our country have managed to create what is now one of the nation's largest student organizations — the National Organization for the Reform of Marijuana Laws, or NORML. After all the buildup I've crammed into this introduction, it will probably surprise many readers that I think the legalization of marijuana is a terrible idea.

Before I explain myself, I feel obligated to mention this: I have nothing against pot smokers. Some of the nicest, most intelligent people I know are frequent users, and almost everyone I know will admit to trying it at least once in their lives. I honestly see nothing wrong with buying or smoking marijuana, — after all, it doesn't seem to have any negative effects, short or long term. It's the lack of any real negative effects that make weed the most popular illegal substance. I would never tell a pot smoker that what they are doing is wrong or try to get them to stop because it just doesn't seem like that big of a deal. That said, I myself have never participated in such an activity; it's just not my style. I like the idea of knowing that my zany thoughts sprout

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Contributing Writer

from a sober mind.

So why not legalize it? Simple logic: If pot becomes legal, it just won't be interesting anymore. Marijuana is one of the only illegal substances so influential in American culture that it's users have developed a sub-culture of their own. Weed culture is a nationwide phenomenon complete with films, music, books, stores and silly T-shirts, all dedicated to America's favorite criminal pastime. It's a culture with its own heroes, like Bob Marley, Willie Nelson, Cheech and Chong. A pot leaf is more than just a picture of a drug; it is a symbol that connects people to a lifestyle.

The birth and development of weed culture is not purely a result of the drug's temporarily mind-altering effects — it's enticing because it's illegal. People try pot because they aren't supposed to, and when they realize how much they like it, they continue to use it in the face of its illegality. By nature, humans are tempted to do what isn't allowed. It's this natural rebelliousness that makes smoking weed such an adventurous endeavor for many people, and it's that rebellious feeling that all pot smokers share. Cultures are based on sharing. Therefore, legal weed means cultural breakdown.

Imagine a world where pot becomes the cultural equivalent of smoking cigarettes, something that is done, or not done, but cultureless either way. Imagine how humorless, dramaless and boring the TV show *Weeds* would be without the unrelenting threat of legal action. Imagine a world where an organization like NORML suddenly becomes quite abnormal because it has nothing left to fight for. When the battle is over, the soldiers go home.

Online distribution: copyright violation?

Georgia State University is being targeted for copyright infringement because of its online distribution of course material without permission from the publishers.

Although there are some legal issues regarding photocopied material, the case against GSU is the first concerning electronic course packs.

Oxford University Press, Cambridge University Press and Sage Publications claim the university encourages students to illegally download and print reading from several works, and therefore are fighting to "secure permissions and pay licensing fees to the copyright owners," according to the *New York Times*.

The case is based on the notion that professors are providing students with course packs, which are compilations of reading materials from various books and journals.

However, according to copyright law's fair-use exclusion, "fair use of a copyrighted work ... for purposes such as criticism, comment, news reporting, teaching (including multiple copies for classroom use), scholarship or research is not an infringement of copyright."

We don't believe that GSU has breached any copyright laws, rather, they have made more resources available to more students in Georgia.

Susan P. Crawford, a visiting professor at Yale Law School, emphasizes that GSU is not making money from the online course materials.

Reportedly, electronic course packs now constitute half of all syllabus reading at American colleges and universities, according to the *New York Times*.

The university admits that it

was providing students with online material through electronic reserves in the library, the Blackboard/WebCT Vista course management system, department Web pages and various other Web sites.

The only section that leaves room for speculation is part three, which considers the amount and substantiality of the text. For this reason, the university faces a lawsuit in the U.S. District Court in Atlanta filed by the publishers.

While the publishers are pressing for the termination of this university outlet of information, it is the students who suffer the impact. Why can't students, who are the primary beneficiaries of this information, download text from the institution to which they pay tuition?

Editorial director for academic books at Cambridge University Press, Frank Smith, said, "Cambridge typically charges 17 cents a page for each student, and generally grants permission for use of as much as 20 percent of a book," according to the *New York Times*.

Additionally, GSU contends that it is protected from federal lawsuits by the 11th Amendment's state sovereign immunity, which states, "Although the sovereign immunity of the States derives at least in part from the common-law tradition, the structure and history of the Constitution make clear that the immunity exists today by constitutional design," according to a statement made by Marybeth Peters before the Subcommittee on Courts and Intellectual Property Committee on the Judiciary.

Yet, it is ultimately the decision of the judiciary to decide what protects whom within

each law.

Online courses are meant to alleviate the stress and occasional burden of attending class, and making online course material available for students to download aids this cause, while copyright laws are meant to protect the rights of the publishers.

The publishers accuse GSU's dissemination of online material of being "systematic, widespread and involved in vast amounts of copyrighted work," according to the *Chronicle of Higher Education*.

It does not appear that the university intends to utilize these online course materials with malicious intent; rather, it appears that it wants to offer its students accessible information as permitted by the fair-use exemption.

If the university were redistributing the information for profit or any other condemned purpose, then perhaps the publishers concern would be applicable. But, in this case, it is for educational purposes, such as scholarship or research as condoned in the copyright clause.

Furthermore, the clause emphasizes that multiple copies can be distributed in classroom settings, which suggests that a hard copy is not infringement while a downloaded copy is, which raises the question of "digital rights," as dubbed by the *New York Times*.

Now is not the time to be turning education against government in a battle of knowledge versus rights. Now is the time to be fusing the two together so that students can learn in both the online world and the physical setting without concern regarding the source of their content and the consequence of its use.



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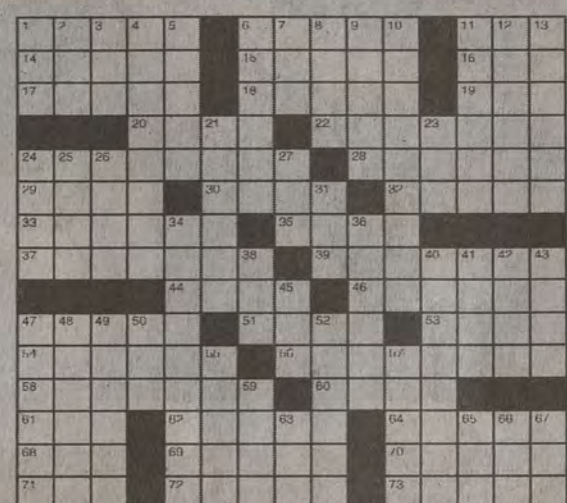
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